

# DIVERSITY CAFE



## THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

Happy Birthday  
USA!

### Café News

Public Works' Employee Affinity Groups are open to all employees. Get involved, get engaged, and join! For more information, contact Public Works Diversity Manager Flora Wiegiers at (626) 458-5193.

### Test Your Knowledge:

1. How tall is the Statue of Liberty?
2. How many stars were on the first United States flag?
3. Where was the first national capital located?
4. How many people signed the original Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776?
5. How many people signed the final Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776?

(Answers below)

### Café Quote of the Month

"America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact - the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality."

-- Adlai Stevenson

### July Café Special

The Fourth of July is a holiday to commemorate America's declaration of independence on July 4, 1776. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States.

The Fourth of July is more than a celebration. It symbolizes the freedom millions dreamed about when they came to this country as immigrants. To many Americans who left their motherland to find freedom and opportunities for their children, the Fourth of July will always be a symbol of their sacrifice and struggle for the amazing privilege of becoming an American.

The Fourth of July reminds us of all that is right with America. The Fourth of July is about "freedom," for all Americans. It is a time for Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs to come together and live the dreams of our forefathers united under one nation with a voice in our future and that of our children. Even if the celebration is but a few moments in time, each year for this one day in July, we truly are united.

The Fourth of July reminds us that we are free to be different from everyone else, free to speak our mind about these differences, and free to accept and respect the differences in others.

On the Fourth of July, let's pause to remember all of the individuals who risked so much to create a new country and to provide a home for so many. Let's celebrate being part of the continuing story of the United States of America.

### And Don't Forget Sandwich Generation Month . . .

July is also Sandwich Generation Month, a month of awareness to commemorate and celebrate the dedication, patience, and caring of adults who are part of the Sandwich Generation--those with dependent (or college-aged) children and parents over the age of 70. Cultural expectations affect how members of the Sandwich Generation view their challenges and how they feel about caring for their loved ones. Learning to ask for help when needed and knowing where to find it is imperative.

Two helpful websites are <http://workingcaregivers.com> and [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov).

Let's celebrate the hard work, compassion, patience, and dedication of the Sandwich Generation members.

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